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<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: <b>Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b>	Application Number	10/706,772-Conf. #7717
	Filing Date	November 12, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Kohei Asada
	Art Unit	2615
	Examiner Name	J. Saunders
	Attorney Docket Number	SONYJP 3.0-1025

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 9, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs must be submitted to the USPTO on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant restricts otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendments entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendments.

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☒ Other Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed August 29, 2008.

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iii. ☐ Affidavits/Declarations

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(a) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) required.)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(c) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(c)

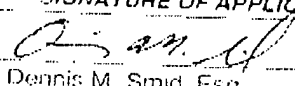
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

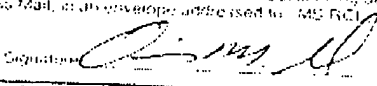
c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED		
Signature		Date
Name (Print/Type)	Dennis M. Smid, Esq.	September 17, 2008
		Registration No.
		34,930

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or included) is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Dated: September 17, 2008

Signature:  (Dennis M. Smid, Esq.)

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